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Reference: DEPTTEL 842 information Moscow, Lagos, Conakry.

Difficult obtain precise information on nature rights granted USSR to operate beyond Morocco to Latin America under terms March 27 air transport agreement. In reply to question this subject, GOM director Civil Aviation stated, while he was not free reveal exact terms, agreement merely gave Russia landing rights at Casablanca for routes which might later be established toward South America or Central America. He said no further steps yet taken to define these Latin or Central America routes. Moroccans now under impression that Russians have decided to use Conakry as African point departure for Cuba. He mentioned perhaps inadvertently that Russian plane had recently overflown Morocco for Conakry headed for Havana.

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